

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1173

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor Kathy Wood-Dobbins on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to an influential leader in the area of community-based primary health care and public policy who has compiled a twenty-seven-year track record of assured leadership and exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins, Certified Association Executive, has served with distinction as the chief executive officer of the Tennessee Primary Care Association (TPCA) since 1991; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished tenure with TPCA, Ms. Wood-Dobbins has worked to further its mission of building and strengthening a system of primary health care accessible to all Tennesseans, regardless of insurance status or economic resources; and

WHEREAS, under her astute leadership, TPCA has grown from a small network of seventeen health centers into a more comprehensive system of care comprised of thirty community health center organizations that operate more than 200 primary care clinics in Tennessee's most economically vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wood-Dobbins has been appointed by several Tennessee governors to healthcare task forces, serving as a member of the Safety Net Task Force and most recently the Rural Task Force's Health Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a founding member and board president for nonprofit organizations that further the mission of ensuring access to health care for all Tennesseans, including the Tennessee Rural Partnership, the Rural Health Association of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Health Care Campaign; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Kathy Wood-Dobbins has been recognized as the Association Executive of the Year by the Tennessee Society of Association Executives and served as president of its board; she has also served on the board of directors of QSource, the Southeast Health Care Consortium, and other health-related organizations; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as a community health leader at the national level through her work with the National Association of Community Health Centers; as chairman of its Primary Care Leadership Committee, she has directed the collaborative work of the nation's fifty-two primary care associations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wood-Dobbins holds a bachelor's degree from Bethel University and a master's in social work from the University of Tennessee; she is a graduate of the UCLA/Johnson and Johnson Health Care Executive program and has completed additional studies through Columbia Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, during her retirement, she plans to devote her energies to her most recent passion, raising funds for Colombia Kids; she and her siblings recently founded the nonprofit organization to honor their parents' legacy as longtime missionaries to Colombia, who dedicated their efforts to lifting up children and families from desperate situations to lives of hope; and

WHEREAS, her many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Kathy Wood-Dobbins is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Bill Dobbins; their son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Melody; their daughter, Julia; and their granddaughters, Isobel and Willa; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-seven years, Kathy Wood-Dobbins has worked with purpose and commitment to make quality health care available to all Tennesseans, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Kathy Wood-Dobbins on the occasion of her

retirement as chief executive officer of the Tennessee Primary Care Association and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.